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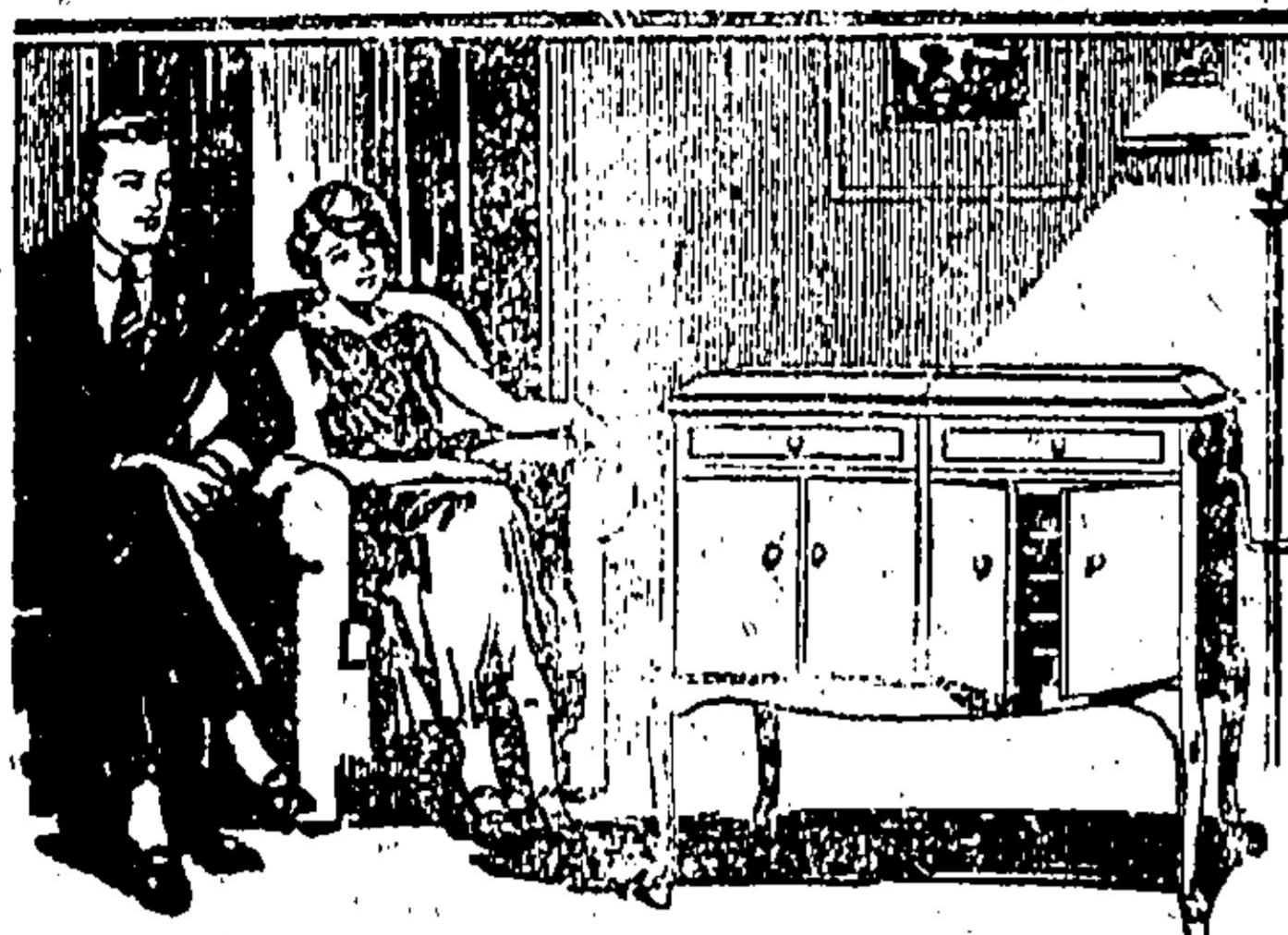
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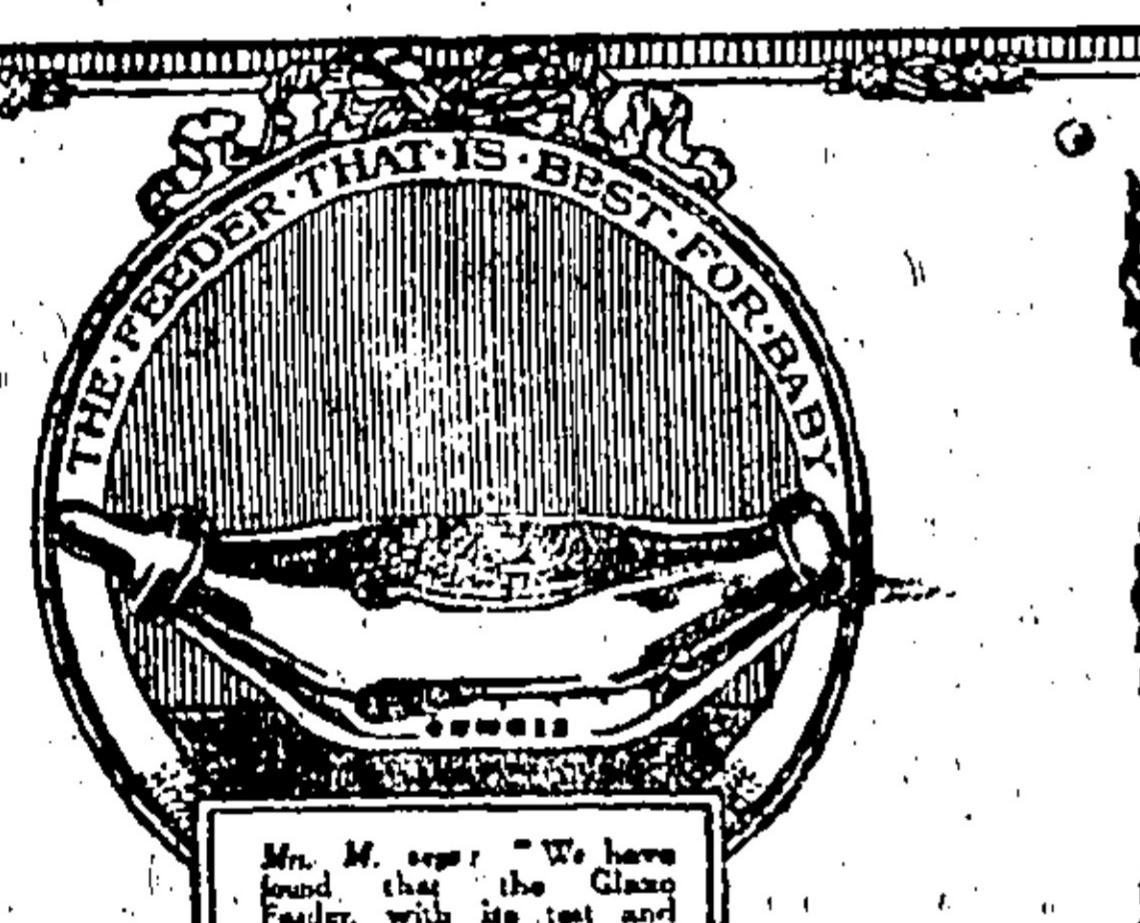
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DUTCH AEROPLANE LOST.

THREE MEN DOOMED.

(Reuter's Service.)

THE HAGUE, April 25.
An aeroplane belonging to the Royal Dutch Air Service which left England for Holland yesterday evening with two Dutch passengers, is missing. Three naval aeroplanes and a torpedo boat are searching. The company announce that there is no hope of rescuing the pilot and passengers alive.

THE WISE WAY.

IMMIGRATION COMPROMISE.

COOLIDGE'S MEDIATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.
President Coolidge is attempting to make arrangement in respect of the exclusion of Japanese which will satisfy those who favour restriction and at the same time avoid affronting Japan.

LATER.
The arrangement under consideration in respect of the exclusion of Japanese, which is the outcome of Mr. Coolidge's recent conferences with State Department officials, would permit the President to sign the bill. It is reported that he is considerably disturbed regarding the bill which some of his advisers have urged him to veto.

It is stated that Mr. Coolidge considers logical and sound Mr. Borah's declarations in the Senate opposing the enactment of the bonus legislation.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, April 26.
The International Acceptance Bank announces the establishment of an American banking syndicate for granting the new German Gold Bank unrestricted credit facilities.

It is expected that these will lead to reopening the channels of trade with Germany.

An initial advance of \$5,000,000 will be made.

CREDITS FOR RUSSIA.

MOSCOW, April 25.

The All-Russian Council of Trades Unions has issued a protest against the British bankers' memorandum, and declares that Russia cannot recognise the debts of the Tsarist and Kerensky Governments, which "degrade Russians to the level of coolies."

They state: "If England gives us credits, we shall repay a moderate rate percentage, but private property will never be returned to foreign owners. We shall forbid commercial negotiations between British bankers and private Russian capitalists."

The above represents the extremist feeling, and is not necessarily the opinion of the Government.—Reuter.

LONDON, April 25.

The Russian Charge d'Affaires in London emphasises that the protest of the Council of Trade Unions must not be regarded as official, although it contains some points according to the views of the Government, but does not represent the policy of the Soviet in other respects.

Rakovsky states that hitherto, negotiations in London have gone very well, and good will has been shown. There has been no serious difference of opinion, and he believes that definite results on some questions may be reached next week.

It is not intended to postpone the settlement of individual points until a general settlement has been reached, but to conclude all agreements as arrived at.—Reuter.

NEW IRISH CRISIS.

LONDON, April 25.
A fresh Irish crisis is threatened by the breakdown of the boundary conference. The delegates for the present are remaining in London, but a further meeting is not likely. It is understood that the Ulsterites persisted in their refusal to consider any boundary alteration or to appoint a representative on the boundary commission. It is anticipated that the Free State will now summon the Imperial Government to proceed in accordance with the treaty to constitute a commission. It is suggested in some quarters that Ulster's refusal to participate therein will necessitate the introduction of an amending bill into the British Parliament, which would arouse a storm of controversy. Feeling runs high both in the Free State and in Ulster. The situation is most delicate.—Reuter.

ESCAPING TROUBLE.

SHIPYARD DISPUTE HOPES.

ARBITRATION SUGGESTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, April 25.
There is ground for hope that a serious industrial dispute will be averted on account of the shipyards' agreeing to the employers' invitation to submit the national claim for arbitration, a week as well as the Southampton men.

BELGIUM READY.

EXPERTS' REPORTS ACCEPTED.

MORE HASTE URGED.

BRUSSELS, April 25.

M. Theunis, the Premier, has written to the Reparations Commission declaring that the Belgian Government is willing to adopt the experts' conclusions entirely with a view of bringing about a practicable and equitable settlement of the Reparations question.

The letter hopes that the Commission will actively prepare measures entrusted it under the report in order that a plan may be promptly put into execution with the common agreement of the allied government.

DASH TO TOKYO.

AIRMAN'S SUDDEN WHIM.

SPECTACULAR FLIGHT.

PARIS, April 25.
A spectacular flight is being made by the famous French ace "Doisy" who totally without preparation set out with the object of flying to the farthest European capital possible without alighting.

He reached Bucharest, 1,250 miles away in eleven hours in bad atmospheric conditions. He is now continuing his flight to Tokyo.

TENNIS TOURNEY.

OPEN SINGLES: SEMI-FINAL.

HONDA DEFEATS H.D.
RUMJAHN.

Providing plenty of thrill and spectacular tennis, T. Honda (the F. M. S. champion) won his way to the final of the open singles in a match with H. D. Rumjahn yesterday afternoon. Honda won in three straight sets but there was seldom any big disparity between the contestants. Rumjahn is to be congratulated on the show he put up especially as he gave promise of still further improvement in the near future.

In the first and third sets he gave the winner plenty to do and earned applause by passing him when he went up to the net. Rumjahn was leading for the most part in the first and third sets but Honda always seemed to have something in reserve. The Japanese player was not reluctant to bring his forehand drive into play but in this Rumjahn was not to be outdone.

The scores were 8-0, 6-0, 6-4.

OPEN SINGLES: FOURTH ROUND.

Continuing from their match on Thursday afternoon when S. A. Rumjahn led by two sets to one against S. H. Ismail, the fourth round tie was completed yesterday when Rumjahn won the fourth set by 7-5. He meets Worthington in the semi-final, the winner to play Honda for the championship. The scores for the match were 31-11, 8-6, 5-7, 7-5.

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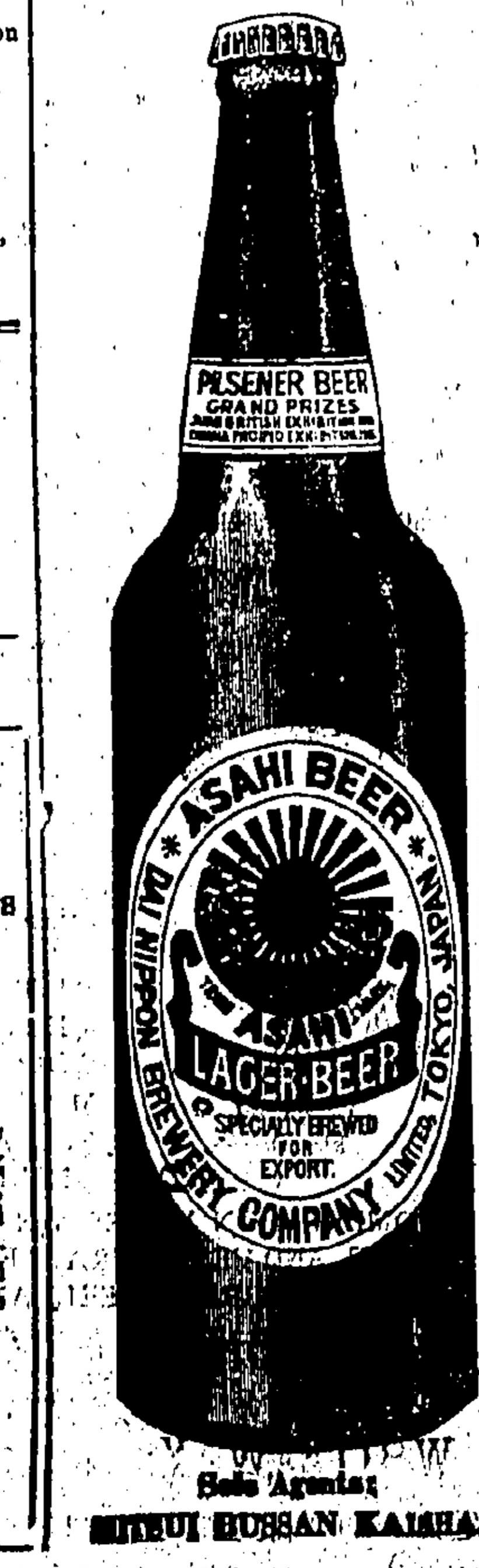
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MEN IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY.



Above: WILLIAM J. FLYNN, SIR ALFRED ROBBINS & SEN. E. F. LADD.
Below: FREDERICK ZIHLMAN, HENRY C. LODGE & LUTHER BURBANK.

Representative Frederick M. Zihlman, of Maryland, admitted in Washington he believed he was one of the two men whose names were being bruited about as connected with the bribe was of the Chicago Grand Jury, but he vehemently denied he was guilty of any wrongdoing. U.S. Senator E. F. Ladd, of North Dakota, is acting as Chairman of the Senate Oil Investigating Committee, Chairman Lemuel having been compelled to go to Southern Pines, N.C., on the verge of a nervous breakdown. It is reported in Washington that William J. Flynn, noted Secret Service man, will become head of the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Justice when William J. Burns retires in the proposed shake-up of the department. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge came to the defence of President Coolidge when the latter's personal telegrams to Edward B. McLean, Washington publisher, were made public. Luther Burbank, famous horticulturist has just celebrated his 75th birthday. Sir Alfred Robbins, head of the administration of the United Grand Lodge of England and president of its Board of General Purposes is on a tour of Masonic lodges.

ODDS AND ENDS

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A Haunted House.

A singular case of poltergeist haunting came under my notice whilst at Montreal (says Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in *Our Second American Adventure*). It had occurred to a couple, the man an experienced journalist, the wife a rather nervous lady of middle age. They lived alone, their only child having gone out into the world. These people were haunted by a very active and mischievous but at the same time harmless spirit or spirits. The box of bricks which had been their child's toy was dragged out and fantastic buildings erected, which were put up again as soon as dismantled. When one of these buildings was photographed, a queer little manikin figure came out in the photograph behind the bricks, and beside it what looked like a female hand. There seemed to be two hauntings, for presently direct willing began to appear upon pieces of paper scattered over the house. I examined these and found distinctly two scripts, one of a grown-up person and the other of a child, which corresponded with the photographs. A picture of a house was also drawn, an extraordinary high, thin erection of twelve stories, with "Middlesex House" written underneath. It was very well drawn. Occasionally the pranks were of a less harmless nature. The electric lights were switched off at untoward moments, and the pictures were stripped from the walls. Twice the husband was assaulted by pillows until his incredulity had been buffeted out of him. Prayers seemed of no avail. Unhappily it seldom is in such cases. I have notes of one where a large fur hearthrug was the centre of the disturbance. A priest was brought in to exorcise the force, and whilst he was in the midst of his exorcism the rug sprang at him and enveloped his head and shoulders, so that he ran terrified from the house. One is dealing with a mischievous and rather malicious child, and reason, together with kindness, is the only weapon. In this particular case at Montreal the couple were finally compelled to abandon the house. The haunting seemed to be local, for it did not follow them.

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INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that scrip No. 4227 for 500 shares Two Cotton Mills Ltd. in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRHAM of Hongkong together with a duly executed transfer deed purporting to assign the said shares has been lost.

The said shares are the property of the undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a duplicate scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said shares without reference to the undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the undersigned.

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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th April, 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 23rd April, 1924 until Wednesday the 30th April, 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1924.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Morris, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong on TUESDAY the 6th May 1924 at 11 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 29th April to 20th May both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 16th April, 1924.

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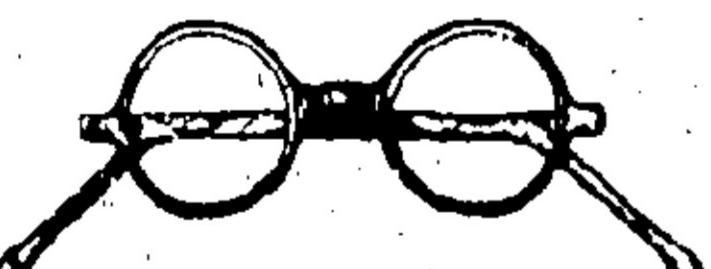
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WILSON WANG.—At 8.30 a.m., on April 20, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Wang, twins, a daughter and a son.

The China Mail.

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A LOCAL EXHIBITION.

What has happened to the suggestion to hold a local exhibition we know not. That it should not be lost sight of, but kept as being within the reason of practical politics will we think appeal to most. It is not that Wembley has set a fashion. Exhibitions are no new things even if they have not hitherto reached the extent of the one that is capturing the imagination of Britain and will attract spectators from all over the world. The term "shop-window" has been used in connection with it, and that is at once a happy and a

truthful description. Someone in Shanghai, we observe, has mooted an international "shop-window" for that progressive place. Are we to let Shanghai buy up the opportunity and rob us of the suggestion almost agreed upon, of some months ago? We have the area needed to hold an exhibition worthy the name, and it is beyond question that we are in a position to stock it with exhibits that would have wide appeal. But it would be almost futile to restrict a display to things local only. Ours should be, as the Shanghai proposal, international; it should be mainly Chinese, but not restricted; the nations bordering on the Pacific should find an appeal in it, whilst Europe should literally jump at it. It is in this method of boasting that the Colony needs. We are beautiful in the setting which nature has given us, and our pride in this respect should be tempered accordingly; but nature—to use a simple term—has singularly blessed us in placing us where she has. We are a gateway leading to places singularly blessed and of endless opportunity. Such an enterprise

Readers of Sir Walter Scott's "Anne of Geierstein" will be able to recall his graphic description of one of these medieval Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in Westphalia. In its origin the Vehmgerichte was akin to the American vigilante societies, its object being to mete out punishment to offenders whom the ordinary law of the land was powerless to touch.

It met in secret in the depths of the forest, and the accused, on being found guilty, was promptly hanged on the nearest tree.

Who was Susie Brown? That is a question which the younger generation of cigarette-card collectors are likely to ask when they see the interesting collection which Selfridge's have arranged. Susie Brown was a beautiful woman, who, with hundreds of other stars of the theatrical world, was collected—photographically—by the small boys of five and twenty years ago. Apparently taste in collecting these cards has changed in 25 years. The modern boy wants to be educated, so tobacco manufacturers provide him not with pictures of actresses, but with a series of British birds, railway engines and famous paintings. There are famous football players in this exhibition, but they are not so recent as Dickens characters, wireless facts, and the cries of old London.

Those who are engaged in the interesting occupation of inditing love-letters may be glad to have the following example of Napoleon the Great's effort in this direction. It is to Josephine:—

Josephine, your heart is excellent, and your reason feeble; you feel marvellously true, but you reason less well. Now that is enough quarrelling; I want you to be gay, contented, with your lot, and for you to obey, not in grumbling and shedding tears, but from gaiety of heart, and with a little happiness.

In another vein is Thackeray's letters to his little daughter. Thackeray's mother's one grief was his rather unorthodox attitude to religion. But this does not seem to be born out in the following written to Anny, aged 8, just after a Christmas:—

"I would sooner have you gentle and humble-minded than ever so clever. Who was born on Christmas Day? Somebody who was so great that all the world worships Him; and so good that all the world loves Him; and so gentle and humble that he never spoke an unkind word."

Some of the members of the Home Government are not devoid of humour, as is evidenced by the following sample:

Mr. Ammon in a duel with Mr. Mills and Commander Kenworthy was asked why the cruiser "Methuselah," laid down in 1916, was still unfinished, to which he replied that eight years seemed but a paltry time for the building of a vessel "which would have the long life such a name would imply!" Whereupon the interest was dexterously shifted by his tormentors to the gunboat "Glow-worm" of the Danube flotilla, concerning which Commander Kenworthy demanded to know how long it was intended to keep her "out there." "As long as she continues to shine with advantage," replied Mr. Ammon sweetly.

Another book, just published, about Cleopatra, raises again the story of her £75,000 drink, with which, at a banquet, she toasted the health of her lover, Antony. The whole world knows the tale. Cleopatra took a magnificent pearl, which she was wearing as an earring, and put it into a "cup" containing a little vinegar! There it was soon dissolved, and she swallowed the potion. It is very curious how the story survives. As a matter of fact, even a small pearl would take days to dissolve in the very strong vinegar. To dissolve a large pearl at once, it would be necessary to put it into some very strong acid, so strong, indeed, that Cleopatra had drunk it if her picturesque career would have come to an end at once.

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To-day's Poem.

(Repartee.)
Last night I picked a glow-worm
From his warm bed of sod
And curtly I inquired, "Sir,
What use are you to God?"

The glow-worm gravely flashed his lamp,
"Twas palpably a wink;
By which he plainly said to me:
"As much as you, I think."

—Owen P. White.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

APRIL 26.

1668. This day I did first put off my waist coat, the weather being very hot, but yet lay in it at night, and shall, for a little time.—Pepys.

WHICH?

There are two kinds of people: Those who live without thinking and those who think without living.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

April 26.—Coronet Theatre; "Nomads of the North" and "The Scarecrow."

April 26.—Star Theatre, Kowloon; Classical and Characteristic dances; also "A Message from Mars."

April 26.—World Theatre; "A Chapter in Her Life."

April 28.—Last Concert of the season, the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

May 1.—Queen's Theatre; opening ceremony.

SOCIAL.

April 28.—Dance at Peak Club, 8.15 p.m.

SPORTS.

April 26.—Sixth tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 26.—R.H.Y.C. closing cruise of the season and ladies' day at the Club-house, North Point, 3 p.m.

April 26.—H. K. C. Tennis Tournament: semi-final doubles.

April 28.—H. K. C. Tennis Tournament: semi-final singles.

April 30.—H. K. C. Tennis Tournament: final doubles.

May 2.—H. K. C. Tennis Tournament: final singles.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 29.—Lammert Bros., 1a, Armand Bldgs., Kimberley Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

April 29.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, one Driggs 5-passenger motor car, and one "Stutz" (sports) motor car, 11 a.m.

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June 11.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the H.K. Tramway Co., Lt. Bowrington Canal Rd., East, steam driven electric generating plant, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

April 30.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of shareholders of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., at St. George's Building, 6 Connaught Road, 11 a.m.

May 6.—Forty-third meeting of the I.C.S.N. Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

TO-DAY'S YACHTING.

Races for all classes of boats will be included in the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's 1923-24 closing cruise this afternoon, after which the prizes won will be distributed.

At 2.30, the cruisers will start from Murray Pier, followed by events for service boats, whalers, cutters and gigs. Racing yachts will be sailed by ladies and at 3.45 there will be a mile rowing race for the Leveson Cup to be competed for by a crew from any ship or boat.

Lady Leveson will give away the prizes in the Club house.

U.S.R.C.

At the annual meeting of the U.S.R.C. yesterday evening, at which Commodore Grace presided, the report and accounts presented showed a satisfactory state of the Club's affairs.

Commodore Grace proposed that Col. Butterworth be elected president for the ensuing year, and this was unanimously agreed to.

The following officers were then elected: Hon. Sec.; Capt. G. A. Clements, Committee; Capt. Lt. Hargreaves, Eng. Comdr. Bennett, Major Greenwood, Capt. Hayes Newington, Major Hyland, Major Hingston, Capt. Bennett, Mr. T. F. Claxton and Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The names of Messrs. J. H. Austin and Edgar Dewhurst & Co., have been added to the Register of Chemists and Druggists.

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According to a recent telegram from SOCIETY, Berlin, the German authorities are inquiring into the activities of the "Vehmgerichte," which they say, has been resuscitated by royalist bands.

Recently a visitor to

Kiwis, the Wilbur Wright flying field in

America was surprised to hear

an officer refer to a group of men

as "Kiwis" (pronounced "Keewees").

"Why do you call them

Kiwis?" he asked. "I really

don't know the origin of the

term," he admitted, "but it is

a term applied to men who

haven't won their pilot's certi-

cate." The term "Kiwi" is now

almost universally adopted to

indicate the aviator who can't fly,

though many do not know that the term originated with the New Zealand troops. The Kiwi is the wingless bird of New Zealand, and is practically a miniature Moa, that giant bird now extinct.

OUR BOY SCOUTS.

THIS AFTERNOON'S BIG RALLY.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

To some of the older Scouts and those interested in the movement, the rally of the Hongkong Boy Scouts' Association at Government House this afternoon to compete for the Prince of Wales' Banner may recall the first rally on Murray Parade ground after the re-forming of the Association in July 1920, although, of course, there have been vast strides made as regards numerical strength and general efficiency.

It is interesting to recall just how that re-formation took place. Early in 1920, during a parade of the cadet Company of the Hongkong Defence Corps, a postman handed Mr. A. G. M. Weyman a letter addressed to the Scoutmaster, Hongkong Boy Scouts, and told him that no one would accept it.

As he was in charge of the only Boys Movement, Mr. Weyman took the letter and found it was from Lt. Rannell, of the Dutch Navy, who wrote as an old Scout that he would be pleased to give a lantern lecture on Scouting in all parts of the world. As a result of the lecture, and the energy of Mr. Weyman, who became the first secretary, the zeal of Lt.-Col. F. Bowen, who became the first Commissioner, and the help of those who became Scoutmasters, the Hongkong Boy Scouts' Association was formed and soon began to take strong root.

Although Mr. Weyman and Col. Bowen had to give up the work after two years of strenuous service (not before the latter had been awarded the Order of Merit by the Chief Scout), excellent successors were found in the Rev. G. T. Waldergrave as Commissioner and Scoutmaster Kirk as secretary. Mr. Kirk held the post until the appointment of Scout master White as District Scoutmaster and Secretary combined. The Rev. G. T. Waldergrave is still acting as Commissioner.

The movement may well be said to have taken strong root and to be flourishing for in comparison with that first parade on Murray Parade ground, when four small troops took part, there are now 20 Troops of Scouts (with about 20 boys in each), one troop of Sea Scouts and five Wolf Club packs with an average of 16 boys in each. The activities of the scouts comprise the holding of weekly parades by most of the troops, an occasional "trek" to the New Territories and the holding of camps at Hongkong and the New Territories. Concerts are sometimes held on behalf of troop funds.

WORLD FLIGHT APATHY.
LEAVING THINGS TO CHANCE.
MACLAREN LEFT TO LOOK AFTER HIMSELF.

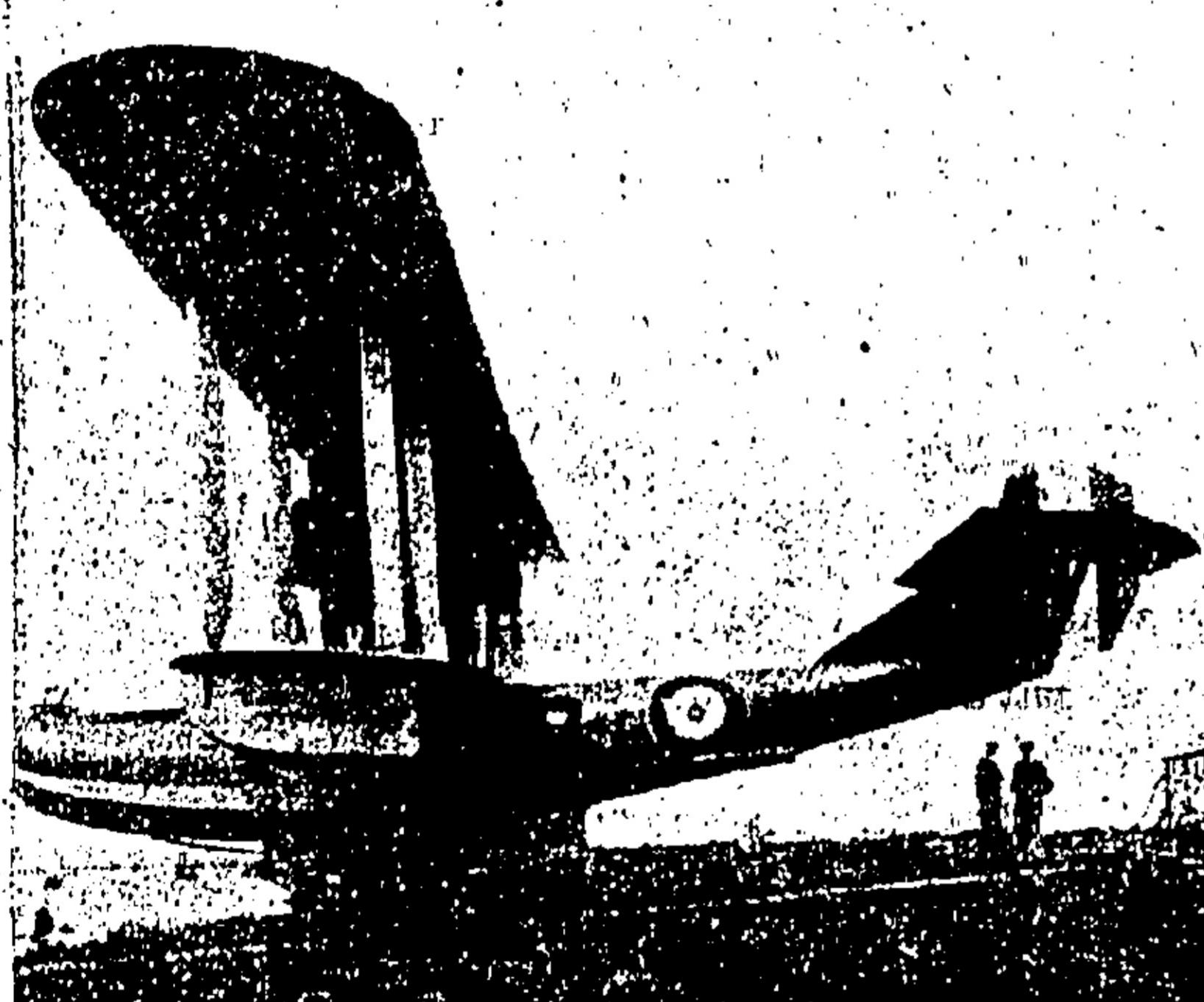
Special Difficulties He Must Face Here.

Much concern is being felt among aviation men here regarding the seeming apathy with which the public and the responsible authorities are awaiting the advent of the British world airman, Squadron Leader MacLaren, for whose reception scarcely any steps have yet been taken. While the American venture is entirely under Government control and enjoys the fullest support, it is pointed out, the British effort is purely private and unless arrangements are made soon for the landing here MacLaren will be put to the greatest trouble and possibly to serious danger.

Discussing the matter with a local resident with extensive flying experience, who quite recently was still connected with practical aviation drew attention to the fact that he might arrive here at dusk or the American airmen are using in the actual dark. In this case it would be as well to know whether a searchlight will be available to indicate the direction for landing and whether Very lights will be ready for signalling.

Mooring buoys will, of course, also be necessary. The art of mooring a seaplane is only to be learned by long experience. Up to Ktrachil MacLaren has had the advantage of receiving help from Royal Air Force men in the handling of his machine. Here he will have to be content with helpers who possess little or no experience.

It should also be remembered that the American machines are



This photograph shows the type of machine MacLaren is using.

The concern felt by local experts centres in the arrangements for the landing. "Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., who built the machine; a Vickers-Vulture Amphibian, and the 'Shell' Co., are favoring the venture," said our informant yesterday, "but it is not known whether the local representatives of these companies have anyone who possesses a knowledge of both the flying boat and local conditions. Neither have we any information from the Government about the matter. Indeed the Government appears to have a very hazy idea about the flight altogether, let alone the serious technical difficulties to be surmounted in the landing and taking-off of a heavy flying boat, especially here in Hongkong where the surrounding hills produce exceedingly dangerous air pockets."

Among the matters which our informant hoped were receiving attention, in view of the special difficulties mentioned above, is the provision of a large "T" made of canvas and mounted on buoys to indicate the direction of the wind. This is essential because aircraft of all types land against the wind. For taking off this device for showing the direction of the wind would be useless. Therefore a "sausage" or wind cone must be mounted on a flag staff in a high position to indicate the wind direction. In view of the peculiar situation of the only stretch of water suitable for landing the wind in the valley may be in one direction and the prevailing wind higher up in another. Accord-

FATAL LANDSLIDE.
CHINESE WORKMAN KILLED.

STUBBS ROAD ACCIDENT.

Several granite boulders were dislodged when a landslide occurred about 11 o'clock this morning on a building site fronting the lower part of Stubbs Road and almost directly opposite the new cemetery gate on Stubbs Road. A scaffolding builder was killed, being right under the boulders at the time of the slip, but three other *siks* were lucky enough to run out of harm's way.

A *Router* cable from New York to-day announces the death of Mr. Charles E. Murphy, successor to Mr. Croker as leader of Tammany Hall.

PIRACY GRANTS.
FOR KILLED OR WOUNDED SHIPS OFFICERS.

GOVERNMENT MAKES A MOVE.**PIRACY REGULATIONS MUST BE CARRIED OUT.**

Grants will be made by the Government in the event of the death or disablement of officers of ships on the Hongkong register by reason of piratical attacks provided that in no case will a grant be made unless the Government is satisfied that the Piracy Regulations have been properly observed, states to-day's *Gazette*.

In the event of death the equivalent of two years' actual pay will be credited to the estate of the deceased, and in case of disablement an allowance equivalent to the actual rate of wages of the injured officer will be paid so long as he is certified by a Government Medical Officer to be unfit to perform his duties, up to a maximum period of one year.

This undertaking on the part of the Government is not intended to relieve Shipping Companies of their responsibilities in the matter of the insurance of their officers but is intended to supplement such arrangements as may be made by the Companies.

SHIPS' OFFICERS BEING INSURED.**\$10,000 FOR \$100 A YEAR.**

In view of the recent provision of armed escort launches for convoys, a representative of the "China Mail" approached Mr. T. T. Laurenson, Assistant Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, regarding the ships' officers' opinions of the improved precautions against piracy.

Asked if he considered the protection now offered as sufficient Mr. Laurenson said it was impossible for him to say until he had the report of the officers. He added that he would like to know if the escort launches and crew were to be under the direction of the Naval or Police authorities.

During the course of a general conversation on the position of ships' officers Mr. Laurenson mentioned that many ship-owners were taking out insurance policies for their officers. Mr. Laurenson produced some of these policies. For a premium of \$100 per annum \$10,000 may be claimed if death occurs within three months of bodily injury and smaller amounts according to the extent of injuries.

MOTOR CYCLE SKIDS.**CHINESE YOUNG MAN'S DEATH.**

As the result of a motor-cycle skidding on the island road between Repulse Bay and Stanley, a Chinese young man has died in hospital.

He was Wong Yick-tong, 24 years of age, of No. 45 Bonham Road. On Thursday evening he was riding pillion on motor-cycle 249 which his brother Wong Lan-wai was driving. It is stated that they were rounding a corner when the machine slipped on some sand. Deceased was thrown violently to the ground and sustained serious injuries to his head. A passing car took him to the Government Civil Hospital but despite every attention, he succumbed yesterday.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

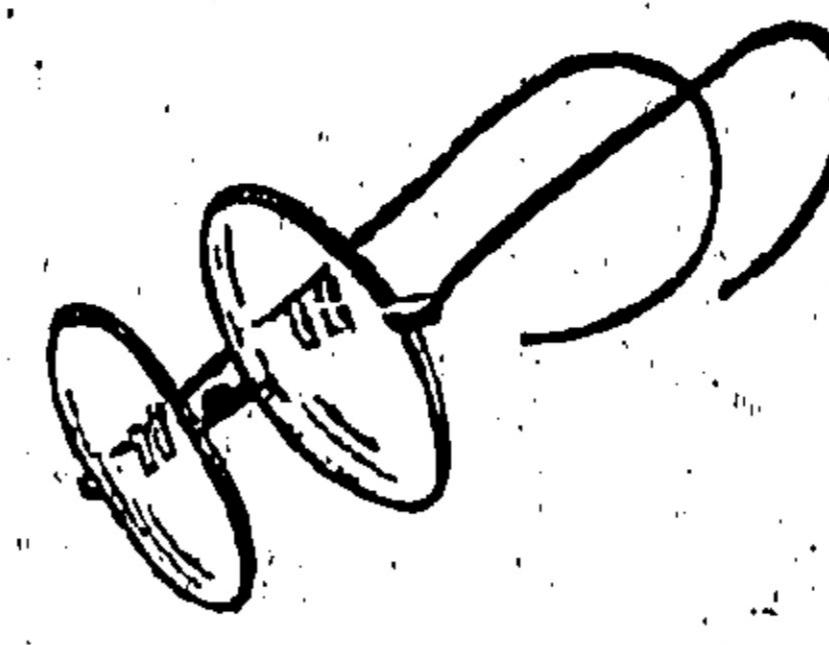
Medical inspection of vessels arriving from Hongkong and Canton has been discontinued at Tientsin and at Chinwangtou.

Two Indian guards of the ss. "Borneo Maru" were cautioned at the Marine Court yesterday for absenting themselves from their ship when at Canton.

Dr. Montague Harston, Vice-President of the St. George's Society, Hongkong, has received the following reply to his congratulatory cable sent on St. George's Day to Mr. H. W. Bird, President of the Society, who is at present in London as one of the Hongkong Commissioners to the Exhibition:—"Harston, Hongkong.—Many thanks for congratulations. Opening ceremony brilliant success. Hongkong holds its own. Richard Squires.—Reuter."

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FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S.**HONGKONG'S RESPONSE.****LAST NIGHT'S BALL.**

Before Sir William Rees Davies bade farewell to the Colony he made reference in one of his valedictory speeches to the reputation Hongkong had gained as a charitable Colony, characterising it as perhaps the greatest charitable Colony—particularly during the war—in the British Empire. Last night Hongkong upheld this reputation. The response to the appeal to support St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind must have been very gratifying to the promoters of the ball at the City Hall last night. Besides the 400 and 500 guests who attended, there were many who had bought tickets but did not attend which showed that the appeal in aid of this noble cause had been heard and answered.

Though there was nothing lavish or elaborate in the scheme of decorations in the City Hall, they were entirely pleasing and effective. Lending a willing hand to the preparation of St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls—where the dancing took place—Mr. A. Keith, representing the Kowloon Dock Company, the Commodore, the Harbour Master and the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department had arranged a display of flags, bunting and greenery which was simple but harmonious and adequately appropriate for the occasion. The most appealing feature of the decorations was a representation of a British soldier in full war equipment with a bandage covering his eyes. Standing at the top of the stairs the guests could not fail to be impressed by the tragic picture and its inscription. "One of the many to whom our help is due."

Among the distinguished guests were H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs who were met on arrival by Sir Claud Severn and conducted to their seats on a dais above which was a portrait of Queen Victoria draped with flags.

The dance music by the Hongkong Hotel Orchestra fully supplied the needs of the guests and in between numbers the guests adjourned to the light refreshment room (the old Chamber of Commerce Room) or to the bar and card room in the public library.

The organisers prefer to hide their light under a bushel but express their thanks to the following for assistance rendered, either previously or at the Ball itself:—The Kowloon Dock Company, the Officers of H.M.S. "Tamar," the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., Messrs. Moutre and Co., and to many ladies for their energetic assistance in selling tickets, and to many gentlemen for assisting with the arrangements at the Ball.

OBITUARY.

The death took place yesterday at the French Hospital of Mr. P. H. Dwyer, supervisor, Great Northern Telegraph Company, who had been five years with that Company at Peking and had been transferred to Hongkong six months ago. Death was due to a severe attack of typhus fever, from which Mr. Dwyer had been suffering for a month.

St. John's, Newfoundland, April 25.—The Newfoundland Assembly passed a vote of non-confidence in the Warren ministry by a 16 to 15 majority, including Sir Richard Squires.—Reuter.

Peking, April 25.—The House of Representatives to-day passed a Chabian against Teai Cheung-hsun, Toli of Kiangsi, on the ground that he had established an opium-monopoly. In the guise of an anti-poison bureau, The House resolved to forward the Chabian to the Government with a request for immediate action.—Reuter.

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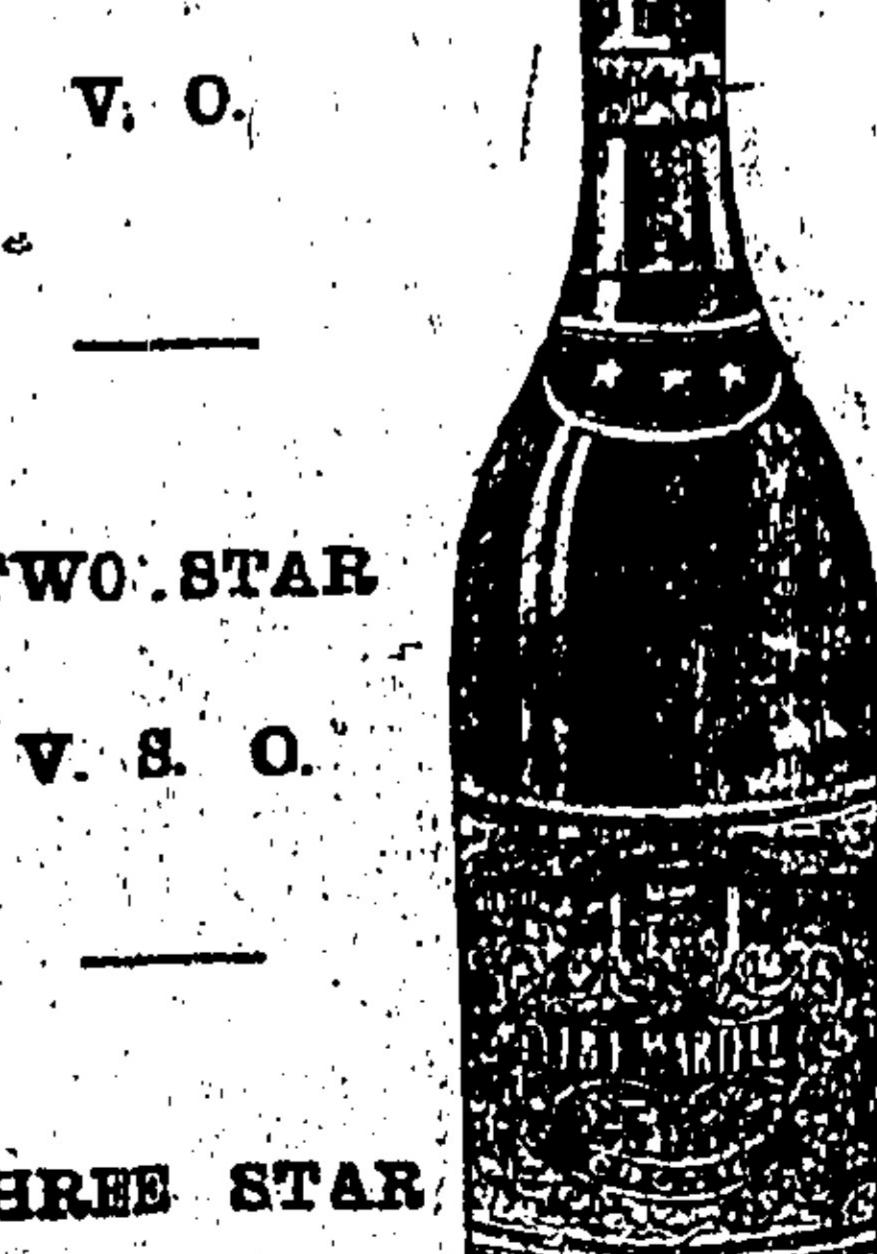
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"KARMAALA"	6,098	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"SICILIA"	6,813	10th July	Shanghai.
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"MANTRA"	10,002	26th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIBER"	6,014	26th Aug.	Moji and Kobe.
"RAISAN-I-HIND"	11,430	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,983	4th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	8,000	8th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	10,911	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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HONGKONG WORK.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Affiliation.—The Hongkong Young Women's Christian Association is affiliated with the World's Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, and the China National Committee, 1, China National Committee, Shanghai, Young Allen Court, Shanghai. The purpose of the Young Women's Christian Association is to unite Chinese girls and women for advancement along spiritual, mental, physical and social lines, and to serve to God and country, according to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Board of Directors.—President, Mrs. Ma Ying-piu; Vice-President, Mrs. Wong Kwock-huen; Secretary, Mrs. Lum Tsin-wui; Treasurer, Mrs. Wu Wing-chan; Miss Kathi Wan, Mrs. Lei Ting-sun; Miss Lei Poon-kun; Mrs. Tung Kit-sun, Wong Sz-ku; Mrs. Tsoam Wai-chi; Mrs. Fok Wing-cheung, and Mrs. Yeung Sin-chuen.

Secretaries.—Miss N. E. Elliott, General Secretary; Mrs. S. N. Yung, Miss Olive L. Mackay (on furlough); Miss Hazel H. Myers, Miss Wong Yuk-mooi (in training), and Miss Lei Tuen-i (in training).

It seems to me and must seem to many of you that annual meetings come around rather quickly. Even in the short time, however, which has elapsed since last we met together in this way, although there no doubt have been mistakes, the work has gone on in a way which we hope has meant growth and progress in accordance with the purpose for which we are organized.

The staff has seen changes. Miss Siu Wai-sheng who had been giving half time was obliged, in June, to resign on account of family demands. Miss Siu Kwok-yung who had been helping with the Girls' Work left in the early autumn to study our National School of Hygiene and Physical Education. Miss Rysdorp, after the summer vacation undertaken responsibility in Shihghai. At the New Year we were glad to welcome Miss Myers who has had five years' experience in North China, and who will give special attention to the Girls' Work as well as helping in other departments. Miss Lei Tuen-i who graduated last summer from True Light Middle School came on in October as a secretary in training. Our staff therefore now consists of three Chinese secretaries, two of whom are in training, and three Europeans, although Miss Mackay leaves this week for her furlough. Mrs. Yung, as we said last year, owing to Miss Shin's departure took on rather suddenly the heavy responsibility of senior Chinese secretary. I should like to say, to record personally my warmest appreciation of the faithful and painstaking way in which she has served the Association. As an Association we have reason to be proud of the record which our former secretary Miss Shin has made this year in England, judging from the reports which have reached us from many different sources. We are delighted to hear that she is to cross Canada on her return from England next month and visit several of the Canadian Associations to whom she is already known by name. She will of course be connected with our National staff in Shanghai but the plan is that she is to have a long vacation in Hongkong before entering on her duties there.

An outstanding event of the past year was the holding of our first National Convention last autumn in Hangchow, at which there were 108 voting delegates from all parts of China, seven of whom were from Hongkong. The central theme of the conference was, "What can the Y.W.C.A. do for the girls and women of China to-day?" and it was extremely helpful for women of Mukden, Canton and Chengtu, and at the cities in between to discuss their common aims and problems and find that they were not working alone. Many valuable recommendations were made which will in time be incorporated in the con-

stitutions of the various local associations.

At the convention there were visiting delegates from seven nations, including two from Japan, and hearing from these Japanese representatives of the need for warm clothing to be given to the refugees at Christmas time we called on our members to send help to them. This resulted in 110 articles of warm clothing being contributed by the general membership as well as the Girls' Clubs in the Association and in the Churches.

Membership.—While the emphasis of membership is not on numbers we are glad to report an increase this year. Our members number now 289, more than double the number when we organized four years ago. Our membership committee have done faithful work throughout the year in making regular calls on the members and we hope this plan meets with the approval of all as it seems a most satisfactory way to make sure that all those who are members are kept in touch with the life of the Association.

Religious Education.—While as has been said before, the religious purpose underlies all the work of the Association, a Religious Work Committee of ten women are responsible for the planning of devotional meetings and Bible classes, for we realize that definite knowledge of the Bible must be the foundation of all our work. The devotional meetings are well-known to many of you. During the year we have had 17 meetings with an average attendance of 42, and two special meetings on Republic Day and during the Week of Prayer, which were largely attended.

We are glad to report the best we have had as to numbers and interest shown in Bible Study. There have been ten classes with a total enrolment of 105. It may be of interest to you to know that the numbers of Christians and non-Christians are about equal. While the influence of this direct religious teaching is impossible to calculate, we do know that during the year nine of our members have become Christian and two of these have already united with the church by baptism. In the spring we had a visit from one of our National Secretaries who conducted two courses of Bible Study each morning for a week with an average attendance of seventy, and the following week did considerable work with students in the schools and at the Association.

Educational Work.—During the year regular classes have been organized in the following churches, Basel Mission, Rheinish Mission, St. Stephens', St. Paul's and Kung Lei Oei. These clubs now have a total membership of 71, and while still rather young we feel it is the beginning of a training of women leaders for the churches later on.

Student.—The Joint Cabinet of the four student Associations has continued to meet at regular intervals during the year at the Association. Several joint meetings have been held including an early Sunday morning service to observe the Day of Prayer for Students, in which the Student Y.M.C.A. joined. In September the first large Y.W.C.A. Student conference in three years was held in Canton. Many Schools in Kwong Tung province were represented and out of 128 delegates there were twenty-nine from Hongkong. The purpose of this student work as of the Girls' Work is to develop Christian character and initiative in these growing girls and prepare them to take their place later as Christian leaders in the community. The value of this training is being proved to us through more than one young worker in the Association.

Our Children's Health Conference, which has aroused considerable interest during the year, is part of our programme of health education. Clinics are held each Thursday morning in a room lent us by the Y.M.C.A. and in our own rooms here, where the children are weighed, measured, and examined by the doctor, the object being to keep children well rather than treat those who are ill and to give the mothers the opportunity of learning facts with regard to the care of their children. We have had fifty babies on the roll, forty of whom have been coming for longer than three months.

Two babies have come 35 times out of a possible 35; One baby 20 times out of a possible 20; One baby 51 times out of 52; and one, 48 times out of 63. Many of the other attendance records are almost as good.

Our Children's Health Conference which was held the last four days of February brought to the Association a great many mothers

who had not come before and we

feel sure that many will see the value of bringing their children regularly for help and advice on Thursday mornings. During the days of the conference, there was an average attendance of ninety adults at the lectures and demonstrations. We should like to record our hearty appreciation of the work done by the doctors and nurses who gave help so unspuriously at that time, and especially to Dr. S. T. Wong who has given most liberally of his time.

Social.—The activities arranged by the social committee consist of social gatherings with music and games at the Association, launch picnics and walks. There have been twelve gatherings in all with a total attendance of 1639, including 800 at our Christmas entertainment. We feel that these not only help our members and others to enlarge their circle of friends but also provide a means of drawing women into other parts of the Association life and in many cases giving them opportunities for service.

Hostel.—The Hostel accommodation is not all that we should like to have it but at the same time has, we feel, done much to meet a real need. During the year we have had 37 guests whose length of stay has ranged from one night to six weeks. The summer is always the time when the hostel is most in demand. A Canton student who came to Hongkong for a month's study of music and English, three Hongkong students, school girls, whose parents were afraid to allow them to travel to their homes in Formosa, four other school girls from Canton for a short time, and two Europeans "stranded" for a night during a typhoon, make up the list of our summer guests. Camp beds in the sitting room had very often to be called into use.

Camp.—We joined with the Canton Association again last summer in holding a summer camp in Macao, in a house with a large garden loaned us for the purpose. The situation for a camp was not ideal but bandits and typhoons and mosquitoes make the finding of an ideal spot very difficult. The house was open for three weeks and there were altogether 31 campers, the majority from Hongkong. After two years' experiment we feel that there is a need for a satisfactory permanent site for a camp and we hope that it may be found some time in the near future.

Girls' Work.—We have reason to be encouraged over the club work for younger girls. The Pioneer Club at the Association has passed its second birthday and has a membership of over twenty. There has been a decrease in membership, owing to a number of marriages and to the fact that several of the girls have gone on to University work which leaves them no time for the Club activities. The programme is varied to fulfil the purpose of the club which is to help the members live a natural normal life and grow into responsible women. During these two years we have seen many of these girls giving much promise of future usefulness and we feel that the club has had no small share in their development.

Following a six weeks' course of training for leaders last spring, Junior Pioneer Clubs were organized in the following churches, Basel Mission, Rheinish Mission, St. Stephens', St. Paul's and Kung Lei Oei. These clubs now have a total membership of 71, and while still rather young we feel it is the beginning of a training of women leaders for the churches later on.

Educational Work.—During the year regular classes have been organized in English, Chinese, Mandarin, Home Nursing, Chinese and Western cooking, and Piano with a total enrolment of 150. We are grateful for the help of Mrs. Fok, Miss Beatrice Lam, Miss Esmaill, Cheuk Sin-shaang, Mr. Pao, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Shell-shear, Miss Rose Wong, Miss Julia Wong, and to the cook, A. Fad, who is well known to the members of the Chinese cooking class. We have had in all under this department six lectures, some on health subjects and others on various subjects of educational value, with an average attendance of 53.

Our Children's Health Conference, which has aroused considerable interest during the year, is part of our programme of health education. Clinics are held each Thursday morning in a room lent us by the Y.M.C.A. and in our own rooms here, where the children are weighed, measured, and examined by the doctor, the object being to keep children well rather than treat those who are ill and to give the mothers the opportunity of learning facts with regard to the care of their children. We have had fifty babies on the roll, forty of whom have been coming for longer than three months.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The fortnightly report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce reads:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Our market is unchanged, and very little business has been transacted in the interval. The demand is there, but no one wishes to operate at present prices.

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Sales 1,000 bales. Unsold stock

4,000 bales. Bargains 3,550 bales.

Woolens.—There has been a small enquiry for woolens generally for autumn shipments, but on account of higher prices prevailing at home, very few offers have found their way into the book.

Clearances are at a standstill.

Raw Cottons.—No business in this commodity has been reported, and quotations are purely nominal. Indian description at \$40/58. Chinese staple \$42/60.

Metal.—Market dull. Very little doing.

Flour Market Report.—Stock about 1,700,000 sacks. Market: Quiet.

Quotations: American Patent, \$3.50 per sack, American Straight, \$2.65 per sack, American Cut-off, \$2.70 per sack, Australian No. 1, \$2.80 per sack, Canadian Cut-off, \$2.50 per sack, Canadian Clear, \$2.45 per sack.

Sugar.—Market weak.

Saltprice.—Strong demands for No. 1 quality.

NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:

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SILK.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President McKinley," which sailed from this port on March 31, at 9.30 p.m., arrived New York on April 21, at 3.30 p.m., having been 20 calendar days and 18 hours in transit.

IRISH TARIFF.

London, April 25.

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express our thanks to the following who have so willingly given their help as speakers and teachers or in some other form of definite service:—Mrs. Shannon, Miss W. Watkin, Mrs. J. L. Shell-shear, Miss Yung Hei-wan, Miss Rose Wong, Mrs. R. L. Moeller, Miss Andrews, Miss Y. L. Sum, Miss B. D. Wong, Mrs. Wong Tsu-chuen, Mrs. K. S. Wong, Mrs. I. Mitchell, M.D., Miss Beatrice Lum, Cheuk Sin-shaang, Mrs. Fok Wong, Po Kwai, Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, Rev. Yung Paak, Rev. Wong Oi-tong, Rev. Cheung Man-chiu, Rev. Lei Kau-yan, Rev. Tsang Kei-pong, and Messrs. L. K. Fok, T. Y. Poon, T. Moffat, F. P. Wong, H. P. Sung, M. K. Law, T. S. Pao, K. L. Chau, L. Ho, P. Y. Tsui, J. I. McPherson, Dr. S. To Wong, Dr. Y. H. Hoashoo, Dr. Gladys Fraser, Dr. Wan Man-kei, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Arthur Woo, Dr. Yeung Siu-chuen, Dr. T. P. Woo, Dr. Edward Law, Dr. Wong Tsu-chuen, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. C. C. Wang. We are grateful to Lady Stubb, for her visits to the Association and for her interest.

In conclusion we would express our appreciation to all others who by their interest have served the Association during the past year.

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BALZAC THEME.

New Ingram Movie Play.

"The Conquering Power" is announced by the Star Theatre as a coming attraction. It is a Rex Ingram production for Metro and in it Mr. Ingram has had the assistance of all the principals who aided him in making "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" the superb production that it was. At its New York premiere, "The Conquering Power" was acclaimed with unstinted enthusiasm. The cast is headed by Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry.

It is an adaptation by June Mathis of Balzac's novel, "Eugenie Grandet." The scene is laid in a provincial city of France, where the miserly old Grandet hoards his gold and lives in poverty with his daughter, Eugenie. A nephew, Charles, a young boulevardier from Paris, son of a bankrupt suicide, is thrown upon the miser's charity—and is accordingly thrown out, shipping to Martinique with little money, but with the treasured memory of Eugenie's love. This is the beginning of Balzac's tremendous story of love and greed.

In the screen version Alice Terry, the exquisitely beautiful Marguerite of "The Four Horsemen," has scored a sensational triumph through her portrayal of Eugenie. Rudolph Valentino, whose Latin temperament and graceful fascination fitted him pre-eminently for the role of Julio in "The Four Horsemen," is cast as the Parisian dandy, Charles. Ralph Lewis, one of the most effective of character actors, plays old Grandet.

CINEMA CHATTER.

FIRE THRILL.

"A Message From Mars."

One of the most spectacular and thrilling fire scenes ever done for the screen was staged on Recreation Ball Park at Long Island City, when Metro officials, and workmen directed by Maxwell Karger burned down a three-story tenement house as part of the action of "A Message From Mars," the Maxwell Karger production made and released by Metro starring Bert Lytell, which is showing for the last time to-day at the Star Theatre.

The building that was burned in the fire scene at Long Island City, was part of a row of brick tenement houses specially constructed by Metro to represent a London street scene in "A Message From Mars." The set was the length of a city block and reproduced a section of the London slums—a narrow dirty street in the Whitechapel district. Here was shown the sweepings of London street life crowded in miserable squalor within the filthy walls of tenement houses.

It was to this human hive of misery that the fire came, driving its miserable occupants out into the snow-covered street before the fierce head of flames and the choking clouds of smoke, and then the lurid glare of the fire showed the arrival of the London fire department and the rescue by Horace Parker, the principal character in the picture, of some helpless inmates. In the role of Horace Parker, Bert Lytell was shown leaping into the flaming tenement house and carrying out inmate after inmate in his final regeneration from the colossal selfishness which has enveloped him from the beginning.

The spectacle of the London fire engines, hose carts and hook and ladder arriving on the scene drawn by galloping horses added a fine touch of realism to the scene, over which Metro officials and their small army of carpenters and electricians had laboured. The scene was the sequel to the realistic street scene Metro recently constructed within the Eighth Coast Defense Command Armory in the Bronx, where the fire engines were seen passing on their way to the fire.

In addition to Bert Lytell, the star, the cast includes Raye Dean, Alphonse Ethier, Maud Milton, Leonard Mudie and Gordon Ash. The picture was adapted by Arthur Zellner and Arthur Maude from Richard Gauthron's well known stage play in which Sir Charles Hawtrey starred. M. P. Stauleup designed the interior and exterior sets, and Andre Barlatier photographed the production.

LOVE IN THE WILDS.

"Nomads Of The North."

It perhaps has not occurred to many that way, but James Oliver Curwood, the famous author, is authority for the statement that where the climate is the very coldest the human love becomes the very warmest. It has long been a common idea among people that the warm weather of the Latin countries is the most conducive to excessive zeal in heart affairs, and this belief seemed destined to persist indefinitely until Mr. Curwood got busy writing his series of intensely interesting stories of love and adventure of the Far North. He has been living up pretty close to the North Pole and in his mingling with the people thereabout he has gleaned quite a good deal of knowledge relative to their inclinations in

NEXT WEEK

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

THE CORONET

mating. He announces that he sets forth his best demonstration in proof of his contentions in his latest photoplay "Nomads of the North," which will be presented at the Coronet Theatre to-day.

Here is a case in fiction where all the rigours of a decidedly rigorous climate plus a lot of unsettled, uncivilized, open country combine to substantially thwart most any love affair without villainous man abetting in the least. But, as Mr. Curwood has built up his story—and logically, they say—naught is powerful enough in obstructionist policies to dampen the ardour of his far northern hero and heroine towards each other. And, they triumph too. It still remains probable, however, that a vast majority of all the people will prefer to undergo their experiences in conflict with Dan Cupid nearer the Equator although seeing the privations of love in a maze of indescribable difficulties is a genuine diversion. Hence no doubt "Nomads of the North" will enjoy its full share of popularity.

GREAT FILM.

The Hunchback Of Notre Dame.

So much interest has been aroused by the news that "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" would soon be screened here that it may not be out of place to print a short resume of the story.

Quasimodo, the hunchback bell-ringer of the cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris, living in the great tower with his beloved bells, under the protection of the pious Don Claude, arch-deacon of the cathedral, is prevailed upon, by Jehan, the archdeacon's evil brother, to kidnap Esmeralda, a beautiful gypsy dancer, a figure of mystery, kidnapped when a baby, from the home of her aristocratic mother by a band of roving Gypsies and brought up under the loving care of Clopin, king of the Paris underworld.

On his way to take command of the Royal Guards, of which he has just been commissioned captain by King Louis XII, Phoebus, a dashing son of the aristocracy, foils the kidnapping plot and takes Esmeralda safely to an inn, where he promptly falls madly in love with her. Quasimodo is arrested, and the next day in the public square is subjected to a cruel beating. Esmeralda, seeing him thus chained and suffering from the brutal beating, has compassion on him and answers his plea for water. From then on the deformed wretch loves her with a dog-like devotion.

A Daring Rescue.

Later Captain Phoebus is tendered a ball in honour of his recent commission by his aunt, Madam de Gondalaurier. He brings Esmeralda to the ball, much to the displeasure of his aunt and the girl he is supposed to marry. There are others who are disenchanted at his action and show their displeasure in no uncertain terms. They are Clopin and his followers. They learn of Phoebus' action, and immediately storm the beautiful mansion of madam and take Esmeralda away. The poor girl can think of nothing but her brave captain, and knowing that she can never be his wife decides to enter the convent. Phoebus begs for a farewell meeting, which she grants him. They meet in the gardens of the cathedral and are sitting on a stone bench, when they are discovered

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The Best Out Door Scenes.

Do you know that better exterior scenes for motion pictures are often obtained in interior settings than they are out of doors?

Well, it is nevertheless true, according to Whitman Bennett, producer, who has supported this contention by building an entire section of the lower East Side of New York all within one huge building at a cost of many thousands of dollars, rather than take his cameraman around the corner to "shoot" the real neighbourhood itself for nothing.

Clopin, inflamed to rage by Jehan, recruits the hordes of the underworld to recapture her and sack the cathedral. In the meantime, Esmeralda thinks Phoebus dead, and Phoebus, recovered from his wounds, is told that she has been hanged. Clopin's hordes launch a midnight attack on the cathedral, while Quasimodo, from the tower, wages defensive warfare with stones and melted lead. Gringoire, poet of the streets, and another staunch friend of Esmeralda, because she had once saved him from death at the hands of Clopin's hordes, notifies Phoebus, who heads a mad dash of armoured troops from the Bastille and quells the uprising. In the meantime, Jehan gaining admission to the cathedral, attacks Don Claude, his brother, and leaving him for dead, seizes Esmeralda. Quasimodo interferes and is fatally stabbed before he hurls Jehan over the parapet with the last ounce of his Herculean strength, thus saving Esmeralda for the ultimate happiness his sacrifice can give her. Thus closes his eventful career, a martyr to a love as hopeless as it was beautiful.

The need for proper lighting effects, especially in the taking of night scenes, is responsible for this expensive and, to the layman, seemingly unnecessary method, said Mr. Bennett.

More than one month was expended on the construction of sets for Whitman Bennett's super-special production, "Salvation Nell," during which time almost all activities were confined to the reproduction of the lower East Side inside the famous old Sixty-Ninth regiment armory in New York.

Whole Slum Street Built.

The set in the armory was an exact replica of an East Side environment, and was declared to be one of the most novel ever constructed for screen purposes. On the screen it is seen as a typical community in itself with two saloons, rows of tenement buildings, Salvation Army quarters, resorts and poolrooms. The setting includes four streets, on one of which a real street car line is operated.

Genuine characters from the East Side are used as extras for the scenes, and the whole atmosphere is said to be one of great realism. It is declared to give an intimate peep at a certain side of New York life without giving the slightest cause for one to suspect that the entire effect of street life has been obtained within the four walls of a huge building.

Street Car Runs Through Set.

The scenes were "shot" from the balcony of the armory with the street car running down one street and the little bank of Salvation Army workers, led by "Salvation Nell," marching with band playing and colours flying down another alley for their nightly rally.

The title role of "Salvation Nell" is portrayed by Pauline Starke, who is declared to have done the greatest emotional and dramatic work of her career in this vehicle. Joseph King is her leading man. Gipsy O'Brien, E. T. Langford, Evelyn C. Carrington, Charles MacDonald and Matthew Betz are prominent in the cast.

"Salvation Nell," which is released by Associated First National Pictures, Inc., was directed by Kenneth Webb. The scenario was prepared by Dorothy Farnum, who in the past has written scripts for Lionel Barrymore and Constance Talmadge. The production will be the feature attraction at the Star Theatre shortly.

In selecting this Edward Sheldon play, which was a highly successful starting vehicle for Mrs. Fiske on the speaking stage, Mr. Bennett has given it unlimited resources in time, money and effort in order to accomplish the most ambitious production yet presented by him.

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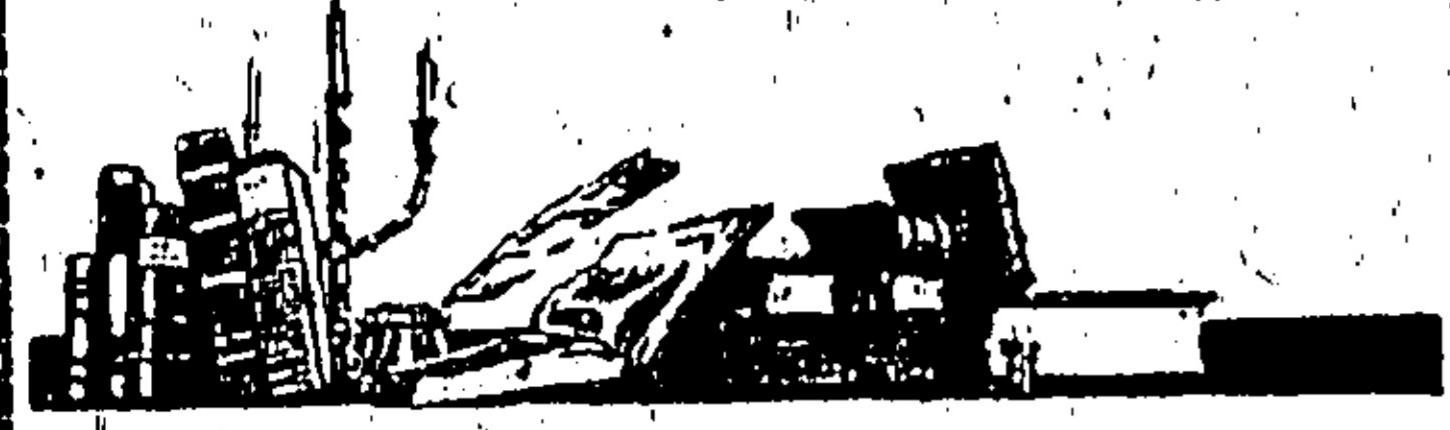
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AN ENGLISHMAN IN ROME.

(Special Review.)

The hero whose experiences in Rome form the subject matter of this book found himself on an afternoon in April long years ago, loitering by the *Fantana delle Tartarughe* and looking stupidly at the boys and the tortoises and the dripping water with a wish in his mind for something more. But what? He had drifted hither and thither about Rome, from the Gate of the People to the Baths of Caracalla—drifted day after day in his solitude through a month of April, more divinely blue and golden than the first spring-days of the world; and whether he was in the body or out of the body he scarcely knew, for he moved in a great bubble of imagination that he had never known the like of in all the years (perhaps twenty) of his life before he came to Rome. And yet he was wishing that something would break his solitude and his dream.

Suddenly Deering passes across the square—Deering whom the hero had not seen since they were at school together, but who had become so Roman that he could hardly frame his lips to the uncouth noises of the northern Goth—Deering who knew the real Rome and would lead the hero out of the sentimental twilight into the broad noon of reality.

A first stage on the path of initiation ends in a café with plush seats and huge mirrors painted with sprays of climbing water lilies. There they meet Mr. Bannock—an American opera singer with "hard masculine pride" and no professional engagements—also Mr. Jaffrey, an Englishman—as English as Peckham Rye who danced for his living, and Edna, his sweetheart who danced also for hers. Edna coaxed and blandished Deering discreetly, "and, even as she piped her childlessness in

her weak cockney vowel-tones, she looked forlorn and wan after all, a child over-tired and not far from tears." Bannock and "Jaff" worshipped Deering, who sat god-like and aloof in a cultivated attitude of flower fruited, sipping some vivid pink liquor with a languid air, his fair hand (which he thought resembled Botticelli's) toyed with a rose-tipped cigarette. That same night Deering takes the hero to dine at the *Traitoria del Moco*, an eating house near the Vatican "not geographically near but under its spiritual shadow." There they meet Cooksey, a volatile British bounder, turned Papist and provided with a small post at the Vatican. Cooksey who, according to Deering, called all the cardinals by their Christian names. "A poor degenerate lot," Cooksey explained—"the College has gone to pieces very badly. All exemplary lives tell me—and not one who would poison a fly, let alone a guest at his own table."

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lineage and resident in Rome, globe-trotters and authoresses, a Russian boarding house keeper, an English family from Bournemouth and others. From each new acquaintance there radiates a new range of experience and impression. The book is exceedingly good reading. It analyses with amazing subtlety but contains not one single word of malevolence. The general effect is a series of delightful pictures which become the reader's sure possession.

Take for example the description of the seminarist (his name Maundy) who had written a great deal of poetry at Oxford and had kept an old silver oil-lamp burning night and day before a Greek statuette. He had also, while at Oxford, had his dressing-table draped with an embroidered rochet and his favourite books bound in apricot linen, and he had collected thirty-five different kinds of scented soap. He appeared to consider these achievements as natural stages on the path to Rome, and he hailed the hero as one who would possibly understand what it meant to him to have once, in an eating-house of Soho, been introduced to Aubrey Beardsley.

Miss Julia Turnbull who had spent a fortnight at Assisi and thus attained to "the heart of things Franciscan" collects a party in the Forum for the purpose of showing off Professor Minchin—a man of European reputation, and a man for whom Julia had "one of the frankest and most gurgling of passions." Most of the Professor's lecture is delivered in a pit or cliff.

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whole company by taking notes of the lecture on a little pad—scrawling down words like "republican (said to be)" and "(?) Estrucan," which we all tried to read. Julia listened fervently, her lips moving in the effort to get the message of the paving-stone by heart; and the message ran on, ran on, now translated from the ancient book, now poured forth at an amazing rate in the exposition of the Professor. . . . It all came finally back to the stone on which Mr. Ram was trying to twist himself into a tolerable attitude, without spoiling his trousers. "Ah," exclaimed Julia uncontrollably, "how one feels it on the very spot!" Mr. Ram seemed to think so too; he raised himself, ruefully inspecting the damp green traces it had left on the spot. The Professor dived again into his book like a man possessed."

[*Roman Pictures* by Percy Lubbock—Jonathan Cape, London.]

MOTHER WORLD:

This is written by the famous traveller that men may have in fuller measure not only the love of their own country but the love of the world—the ecstasy of life. The language is very simple, but the intensity of feeling makes the last chapter—The Christ that is to be—almost rhythmical.

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higher helps men to reach levels of which they would otherwise be incapable, one good example being the inspiration of Nelson to his fleet.

It requires high spiritual leadership that of saints, poets, philosophers to evoke from commonplace men the latent good in them, to awaken their dormant powers and to lift them to loftier planes. The lower cannot realize their full possibilities without the higher. As at present we badly need a religious genius we must create an atmosphere in which he can breathe.

Very arresting is the account of the holiest man whose death drove his message home at fifty years more of life could never have done."

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[*Mother World*. By Sir Francis Younghusband, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E.]

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THE GLEN O' WEEPING:

The story of the Glencoe Massacre and the events immediately preceding it.

The bearers of historical names move easily and familiarly across the pages, and we are given an insight into the maze of plots and conspiracies which had for their object the restoration of the Stuarts by the elimination of William of Orange.

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"APRON STRINGS."

Reads almost like literature just as "jazz" might be mistaken for music.

The heroine, six years a chorus girl, and still an ingenue.

The principal male, gilded, titled, but no hero, only discards his saintly mother's "apron-strings" on coming of age. Prompted by youth and desire, he sees and covets the chorus girl, but is too fresh to understand any but the honourable method of securing possession.

The colourless playwright, betrothed to the ever faithful heroine, but saved from marriage by his frequent failures, is still condemned to be "unstrung" and unsung by want of the filthy lucre necessary to launch his magnum opus.

The heroine's candid female mentor, who cynically gauges the financial possibilities of the wealthy but witless baronet's infatuation preceding it.

The modern flapper, of noble family, who despises sentiment and addresses her high born mother as "Trotty"; but who finally convinces the spring stirred baronet that he has travelled far afield to find what was already at his elbow.

Forty-eight hours covers the entire action of the story, which is well enough told to be readable. Retrospect, however, fails to reveal any one strong point either in characters or plot.

—W. F. Bradshaw.

[*Apron Strings*. By Richard Marsh. John Long 2/-.]

EXTRACTS.

Husbands.—There is an old story of a bride, who, as she was changing into her travelling dress, turned to her maiden aunt, and said:

"Oh, auntie, how can I make sure that Horace will always be as good and kind and lovable as he is now? How can I hold his affection and love?"

"Feed the brute," snapped the old lady. Now this is perhaps vulgar, but it is undoubtedly the truth. A good dinner will turn the roaring, raging lion into a sweet-tempered and docile lamb. No man, I care not who he may be, nor of what nationality, can fail to fall to the blandishment of a "swurrer," and for those ungenerous ones who despise Dickens, perhaps it might be well to remind them that in *Pickwick Papers*, a "soiree" is described by "Old Blazes" as "biled leg o' mutton and caper sauce." There may be those who say that they do not like "biled leg o' mutton and caper sauce," but I can only reply that if such be the case, they have never had it properly cooked.

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Letters from Soldiers' Wives:

"Sir,—In accordance with your instructions on my paper I have given birth to a daughter on the 23rd of April."

"Sir,—In answer to your letter I have given birth to twins. Hoping this will be satisfactory."

"Sir,—Just a few lines to say owing to your delay in sending money we have not a morsel of food in the house. Hoping you are the same."

"Sir,—Send you a marriage certificate, but you only sent six back, there were seven, but one died, her name was Fanny, and he was baptised on half a sheet of note-paper by Reverend Thomas."

G. Knox.

SCREENLAND

ROY STEWART.

Coming Soon In New Play.

"Pure Grit," the Universal Western feature starring Roy Stewart which comes next Sunday to the World Theatre, presents the most cowardly man in the world. Two men had escaped from a penitentiary. To all appearances they were pals, mutually, of course, for their own protection. Their interests were a common bond of companionship, their destination the same, Mexico.

But their natures were different, one was the natural criminal, the other a victim of circumstances. The victim of circumstances made the great mistake of placing trust in his fugitive companion. He displayed a letter which was to identify him with his sister, a school teacher in the Texas wilderness, whom he had not seen since they both were children.

That trust broke the bond of companionship and revealed the cowardly and criminal nature of the man in whom the trust was placed. Watching his chance, he deliberately shot his companion for the letter.

But in Texas there are rangers who have a peculiar faculty of uncovering just such crimes. The fact that a ranger was in love with the school teacher who was in due time presented with the letter from the long lost brother, lessened to a considerable degree the criminal's chance of carrying out his scheme.

"Pure Grit" is a film version of William MacLeod Raime's famous Western novel, "The Texas Ranger," directed by Nat Ross. In the cast are Esther Ralston, Jack Moyer, Jerry Austin and Vera Winter.

"A CHAPTER IN HER LIFE."

Applied psychology hardly sounds dramatic—but it all depends on what the word "applied" means. As a case in point—there's "A Chapter in Her Life," the big Universal production showing for the last time to-night at the World Theatre, and one of the outstanding features in picture-dom to-day. It's all psychology—applied in a series of engrossing events that make a play grippingly real, intensely satisfying, and totally different from anything the screen has ever seen.

Clara Louise Burnham's celebrated novel, "Jewel," is the basis of the play, and from it Lois Weber has scenarized and directed a masterpiece. One critic said it was not a play at all—that it was "a slice of life transferred to the screen." The expression is apt—the picture actually does live—one fancies one is looking into the very souls of living people.

"A Chapter in Her Life" is a lesson in happiness. It tells the story of a simple child, placed in a home torn by family discord. How she not only overcomes an environment of hate, but, through her own steadfast faith in ideals, succeeds in turning the hate to love. It's told simply and humanly. Whimsical, humorous lights—it there are more laughs than tears.

The cast is splendid. Claude Gillingwater, as the hate-corroded millionaire grandfather, plays an excellent character part. Little Jane Mercer, infant child luminary of the screen, lives her part. Her wistful appeal is charming—and real.

LOVE ADVENTURE.

"Where the North Begins."

The survival of the fittest is a hollow phrase when applied to civilized beings, but it applies with a vengeance to the people living in the far north spaces, hundred of miles from the nearest outposts of civilization, according to Pat Hartigan, the screen actor.

Mr. Hartigan has lived in the northern reaches of Alaska, and therefore knows whereof he speaks.

"Up there, far from law, a man's spunk or yellow streak is brought out," he says. "There, the phrase survival of the fittest ceases to be a mere scientific phrase to explain evolution, or a facile way of explaining a man's success. Why I've seen men, tall and brawny and self-confident come out there and show themselves mere children; while I've also seen fellows who have been considered by others and themselves, failures, come out there, and redeem themselves." The far north, glamorous with odd types, adventures, gold diggers, outcasts, new tired of living, etc., is the setting for the outstanding picture announced by the World Theatre. This "Where the North Begins," a Warner Brothers classic of the screen, is the story of two men's fight to gain possession of a girl's heart, the one by true love, the other by guile and brute strength.

It is a fast moving tale of the frozen north, told amid tall pines and, far reaching stretches of snowy waste, along which range a gang of outlaws responsible for the lives of half a dozen traders. Rintintin, the famed police dog, is the pivot around with much of the tame action revolves. As a

HERE'S A TREAT FOR LOVERS OF ROMANCE!

A real treat is in store for lovers of romantic screen entertainment next Sunday, the 27th inst., when "PURE GRIT", a Universal picture, starring ROY STEWART, will be shown at this theatre.

"Pure Grit" is a combination of pure, unalloyed romance, excitement, love-interest and thrills such as only the big, open-space of the West can give. "Pure Grit" teams with the conflict of rugged, two-fisted men, hard riding, daring stunts. You will enjoy Roy Stewart's romantic characterization of a Texas ranger, and follow his fight with Dave Struve, the Western desperado, with breathless interest. Don't miss this stirring and eventful outdoor romance!

WORLD THEATRE.

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The annual general meeting of Lampart and Holt Limited was held at 36, Lime-street, London, E.C., Lord Kylsant, G.C.M.G. (chairman and managing director), presiding.

The Secretary (Mr. W. J. Moynihan) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, for seventy-nine years this old-established business has carried on ocean services with the South American Continent, and the report and accounts which you have before you set out the present position of the company. Whilst it cannot be claimed that the record for the past year is as favourable as we should have liked it to be, it must be borne in mind that 1923 was certainly one of the worst years experienced by British steamship owners, and undoubtedly, as regards the ocean routes in which this company is specially interested, it was much less favourable than the previous period under review. This need not, however, give rise to disquietude as to the strength of the company's financial position, which has been attained through the conservative policy adopted in past years, to which I referred when last I had the privilege of addressing you, and which, in the opinion of the board, justifies us in recommending the payment of a moderate dividend on the Ordinary shares at the rate of four per cent. per annum, less income-tax. We have withdrawn a sum from reserve account—which will then still stand at £600,000—and after payment of the dividends on the Preference and Ordinary shares, the balance of £103,356 will be carried forward. I observe that the announcement of our having drawn upon reserves has not been received in some quarters without a little criticism, but whilst I agree that this could not go on interminably, I may point out that the reserves have been built up for the specific purpose of enabling us in good and bad times, to which shipping is peculiarly subject, to maintain as far as possible a regular, although moderate, return of the capital of the company in pursuance of the policy to which I have referred, in accordance with which we shall naturally add to the reserve again as and when opportunity occurs,

with the object of conserving our resources to the utmost. I may mention that depreciation at the rate 5 per cent. per annum on the first cost of the fleet has been written off.

THE FLEET.

With the object of bringing the fleet fully abreast of the times and providing adequately for the present-day requirements both of our shippers and the travelling public, the board, at the conclusion of the war, entered upon a shipbuilding programme which has now been completed with the delivery of the splendidly appointed passenger steamer "Votafre." This vessel has taken up her station in the company's New York South America service. I hope that the policy pursued by the board of constructing and putting these fine new vessels on this route will be justified by an increasing volume of traffic. Our fleet now consists of forty-seven ocean-going vessels, aggregating over 300,000 tons gross register. During the year three of the older steamers were sold, notwithstanding which the total gross tonnage of the fleet is still slightly in excess of that of the previous year.

SERVICES MAINTAINED.

Throughout the year we fully maintained our regular services between the United Kingdom and the Continent and South America and between the United States and South America, as well as our service between Manchester and New York. Although, as I have already mentioned, the trade in which this company is interested were depressed during 1923, the number of our steamers laid up was considerably less than previously, as it was necessary to provide tonnage to protect our regular interests.

The Lampart and Holt Line was the pioneer in establishing the steamship trade between New York and Brazil and Argentina. We have carried on this important service regularly without a break for over half-a-century, and several of our finest and largest passenger and cargo steamers are employed on this route. Whilst we recognise the desire of our friends in the United States to participate in the ocean-carrying trade between their ports and those countries with whom they have commercial relations, we feel that consideration is due to us on the ground of our long and intimate association with this trade, and also because the Lampart and Holt Line had done so much to develop commerce between the United States and South America. It is, and always has been, our policy to work

amicably with the United States Shipping Board, and we hope that such arrangements may be possible between us as will secure to each of the interests concerned their fair share of the trade, combined with reasonable and remunerative rates and conditions.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Whether from this country or from the United States of America, our progress and prosperity, as in the case of so many British houses, are chiefly dependent on the development and destiny of the great South American Republics. South America, although only partially involved in the world war, suffered severely from its after effects, which constituted a serious setback to its material and economic progress. These great Republics, being producers and exporters on a vast scale of primary food-stuffs, have, by reason of the reduced purchasing power of their customers abroad, found their overseas markets restricted and depressed. The revival of permanent prosperity in South America must, therefore, to a great extent hinge upon European recovery. In South America itself, however, there are welcome signs of general improvement, and, coupled with a magnificent harvest in Argentina, the outlook there is better than it has been for some years past. This is reflected in the more satisfactory financial conditions now prevailing in South America.

CURRENT YEAR'S PROSPECTS.

With regard to the prospects for the present year, whilst we are glad to observe the slight improvement to which we have referred, we regret that this advantage is to some extent set off by the recent advance in labour costs in this country. A good deal of public misapprehension and misunderstanding exists on the subject of shipping profits. For some time past shipowners have seldom been able to send their vessels on any voyage with a definite prospect of earning much more than working expenses. In many cases they have had to face the almost practical certainty of loss on the voyage. Consequently, it is the older-established companies which have followed a conservative financial policy in the past that have been best able to stand the strain. It is only by the most rigid economy in all departments that shipowners have been able to carry on, and to keep a larger number of steamers in commission instead of letting them remain laid up, with resultant unnecessary numbers of men. The idea

that there are at present abundant resources out of which shipping can pay higher wages all round is one that has no foundation in fact. Increases in operating expenses—including fuel and wages—must inevitably add to the cost of conveyance of necessities, and thereby increase the price of goods and food. The level of freights is now very little higher than in pre-war days, but the cost of working steamers is vastly greater. The trade of the country is beginning to show signs of improvement, and I hope we may see a general revival of trade before very long, as this would tend to raise rates to a paying level. Otherwise, there may be no alternative but to look for a further reduction in operating expenses in order to make ends meet.

COST OF FUEL.

The cost of our coal supplies in this country during 1923 was materially higher than in 1922. Cheap coal and cheap oil are essential to prosperity in commerce, so I hope that before long we may see coal at a substantially lower price. In this connection I trust that the negotiator is to avert the threatened strike in the coal trade my result in a settlement, otherwise a grave additional setback to the slowly reviving trade and industry of the country will ensue.

Mr. George H. Melly and Mr. Arthur Cook who have occupied the position of managing directors since the incorporation of the company, and were for many years previously closely associated with this business, have retired from that position. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the valuable work these gentlemen have done for the company. I am glad to see they will still be members of our board, so that we shall continue to have the benefit of their advice and long experience in conducting the Company operations. The board have appointed Mr. Alfred Woods, formerly London manager, who has been actively connected with the company's business for many years, to be general manager of the company. I should like to place on record my appreciation of the good work of all the officials and staff of the company, whether at home or abroad, on shore, or at sea. The company has been, and is passing through a trying period, and it is essential that our entire personnel should do their utmost to promote the prosperity of business. I now beg to move: "That the report of the board and the accounts submitted to this meeting be and

be adopted."

GREAT NORTH-WEST.

FINE OPEN AIR FILM AT CORONET.

Canada's great North-West, with its wide, open spaces, has always been a fertile field for the novelist, but it has not been every writer who has caught the glamour of this romantic region, so well as James Oliver Curwood whose "Nomads of the North" comes as a feature film to the Coronet Theatre this afternoon. Good as the book is, however, the picture is even better, the producer having spared neither trouble nor expense to get the very finest scenic effects. Apart from employing wild animals in some of the scenes—one exciting incident is a deadly fight between a man and a bear—he has actually had a real forest fire arranged to give the picture its greatest thrill.

The story, as might be expected coming from Curwood's clever pen, is fascinating; and the acting is all that could be desired, accomplished players like Lon Chaney, Betty Blythe and Lewis Stone taking the leading roles. The screening, too, is—but what need to dilate upon the merits of the picture when most cinema-goers know that it is good will only need to be told that it bears the imprint of that famous concern, First National.



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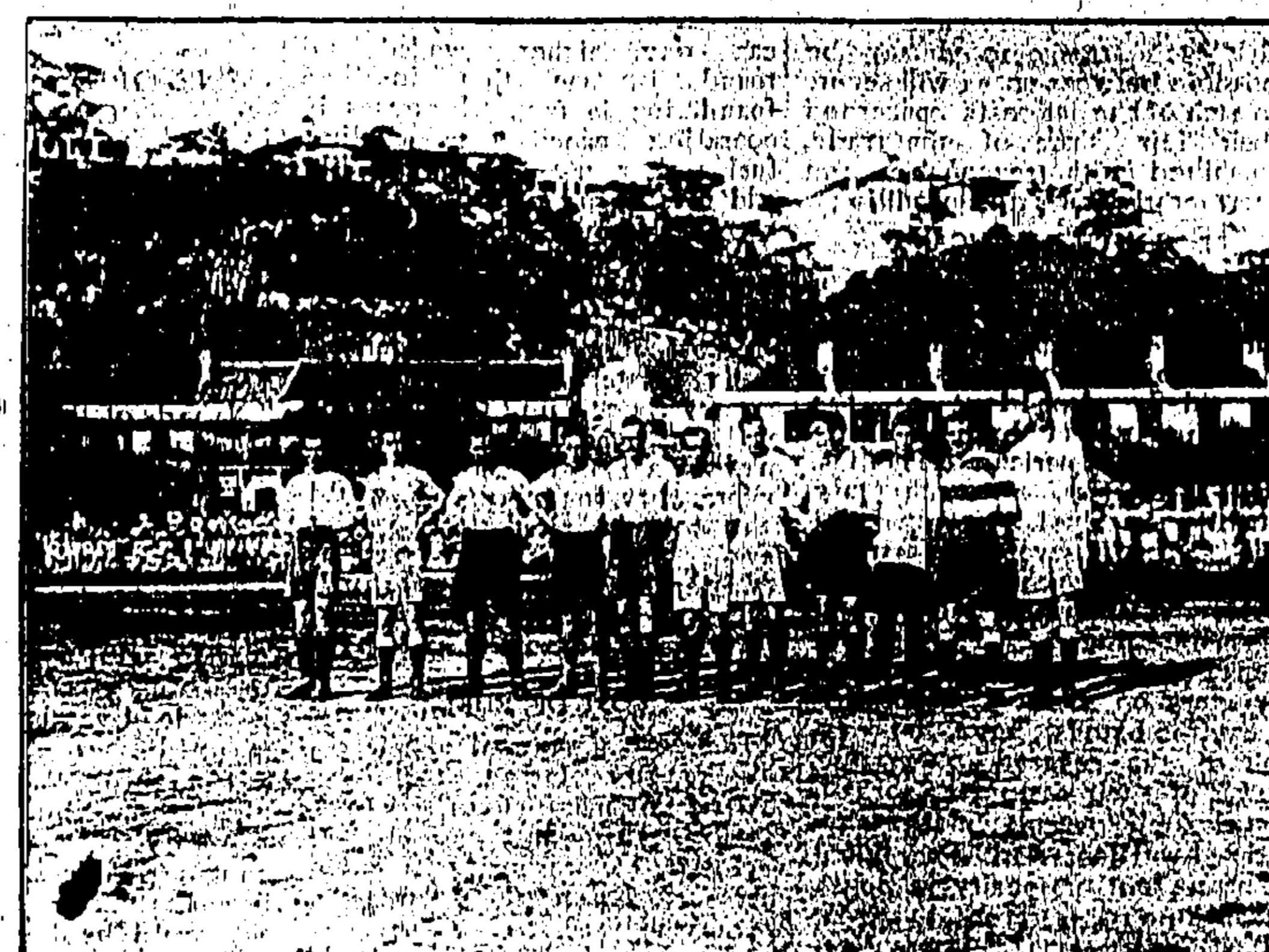


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Members of "The Rest" team which drew 0-0 with South China (league champions) at the Club ground on Easter Monday. The team comprised Messrs:—G. Rodger (Club); Wynne (Police) and Wheeler (Kowloon); McKelvie (Kowloon), Stewart (Club) and Post (Police); Charlesworth (Surrey's), Eaton (Surrey's), Mason (Kowloon), Howard (Club) and Angus (Club).



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The South China A.A. football team (Hongkong league champions) who played a goalless draw with an clever picked from "The Rest" on Easter Monday.



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St. Stephen's Girls' College. This photograph of some of the senior girls was taken on the occasion of the prize giving.

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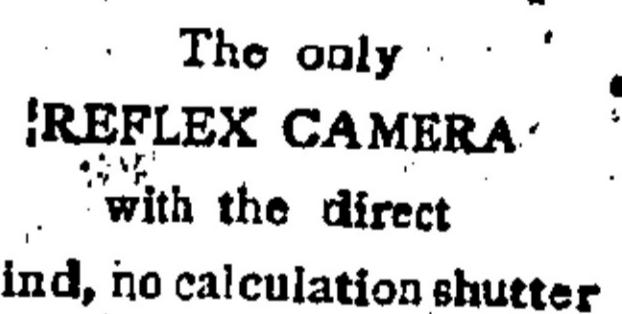
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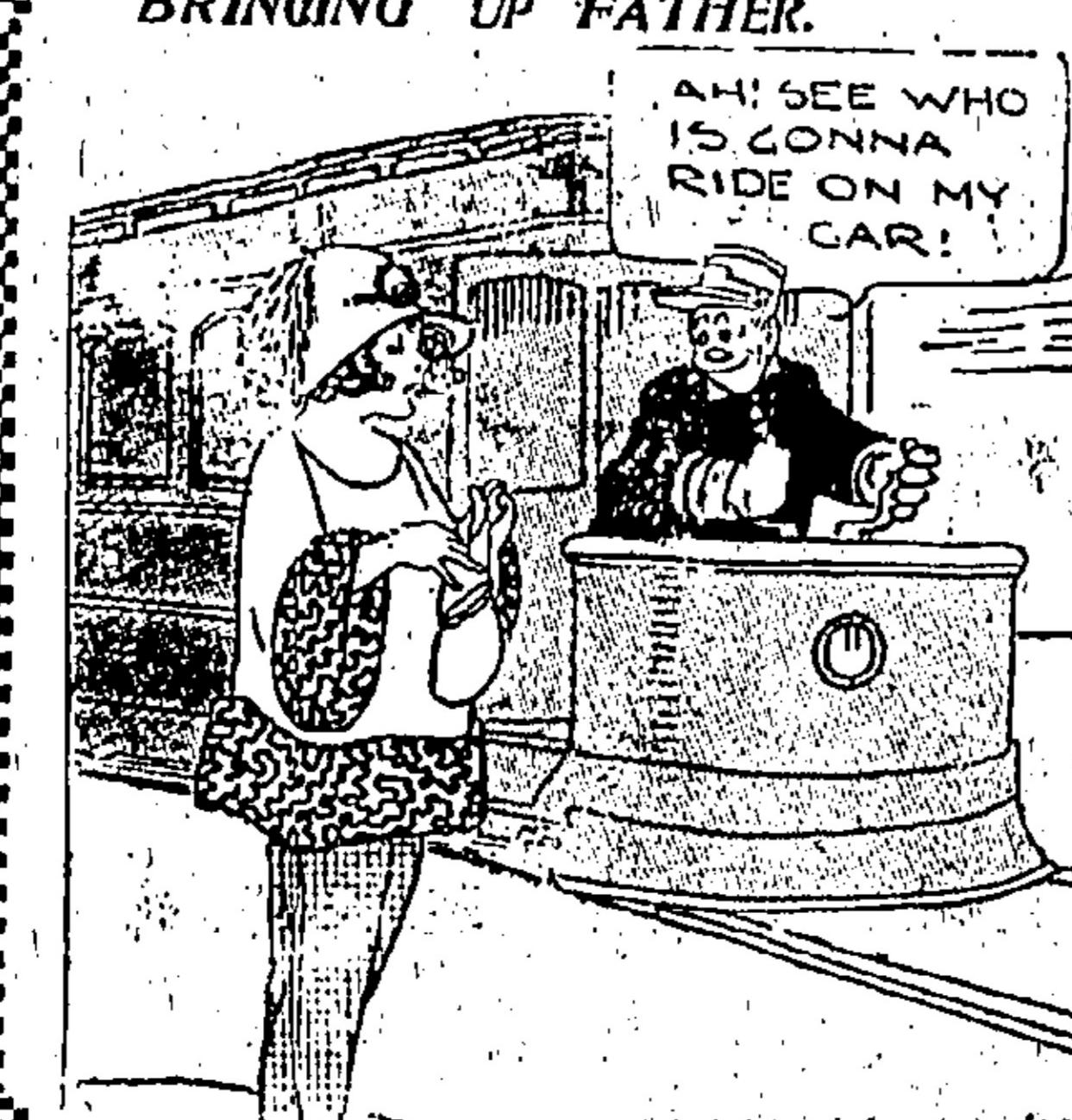
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